

rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force according to its terms, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed: June 16, 1985, without signature.

Effective: August 26, 1985

CHAPTER 976

H.B. No. 2247

An Act relating to the annexation by a city of territory within a water or sewer district.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 50, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 50.202 to read as follows:

Sec. 50.202. ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND. Section 11, Municipal Annexation Act (Article 970a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), will not apply to the annexation by a city of land and territory within a district if:

- (1) the governing body of the district consents to such annexation;*
- (2) the fee simple owners of the annexed land and territory consent to such annexation; and*
- (3) the annexed land and territory is not wider than 525 feet, at its widest point.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed: June 16, 1985, without signature.

Effective: Immediately

CHAPTER 977

H.B. No. 2325

An Act relating to the appointment and assignment of bailiffs to certain district courts of Harris County.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. OFFICE OF BAILIFF. The judges of the 245th, 246th, 247th, 257th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311th, and 312th family district courts shall appoint a person to serve their respective courts as bailiff. A bailiff is an officer of the court and performs the duties of the office under the direction and supervision of the judge of the court.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT. An order signed by the appointing judge and entered on the minutes of the court is evidence of appointment of a bailiff. The judge shall give written notice to the commissioner's court and each constable of Harris County of the appointment and date employed.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS. A bailiff must be a citizen of the United States of America and must be 19 years of age. On written notice of the appointment from the judge, a constable of said county may deputize the bailiff in addition to other deputies authorized by law.